

# BODY CONDITION Scoring System

## 1. VERY THIN



- Ribs: Easily felt with no fat cover.
- Tail Base: Bones are raised with no tissue between the skin and bone.
- Side View: Severe abdominal tuck.
- Overhead View: Accentuated hourglass shape.

## 2. UNDERWEIGHT



- Ribs: Easily felt with little fat cover.
- Tail Base: Bones are raised with minimal tissue between the skin and bone.
- Side View: Abdominal tuck.
- Overhead View: Marked hour-glass shape.

## 3. IDEAL



- Ribs: Easily felt with slight fat cover.
- Tail Base: Smooth contour, but bones can be felt under a thin layer of fat.
- Side View: Abdominal tuck
- Overhead View: Well-proportioned lumbar waist.

## 4. OVERWEIGHT

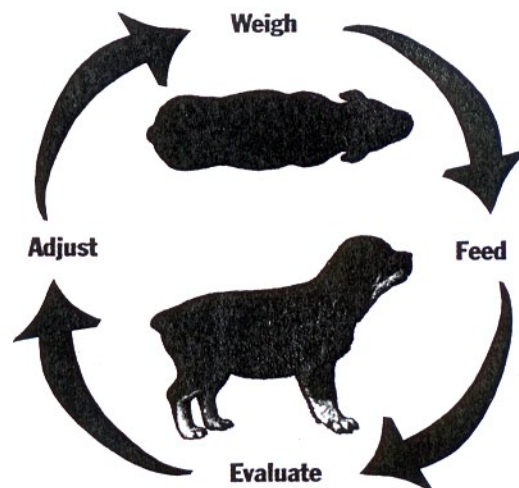


- Ribs: Difficult to feel with moderate fat cover.
- Tail Base: Some thickening, but bones can be felt under a moderate layer of fat.
- Side View; No abdominal tuck or waist.
- Overhead View: Back is slightly broadened.

## 5. OBESE



- Ribs: Difficult to feel under thick fat cover.
- Tail Base: Thickened and difficult to feel under a prominent layer of fat.
- Side View: Fat hangs from the abdominal and there is no waist.
- Overhead View: Markedly broadened.



It is important to feed your pup to an "ideal" (lean) body condition.